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1. GEORGES SEGUY TOLD UK AND US LABOR COUNSELORS ON 9 OCT THAT THE DAY BEFORE HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO ETUC SECRETARIAT TO PROPOSE A MEETING BETWEEN ETUC AND CGT TO COORDINATE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ACTIONS WHICH WERE CALLED BY ETUC FOR 14 NOV AND IN WHICH CGT PLANS TO PARTICIPATE.

2. SEGUY REPEATED THIS INFORMATION TO SMALL GROUP OF JOURNALISTS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF WFTU GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING, ADDING THAT HE WAS DOING REPORTERS AN EXCEPTIONAL FAVOR BY SPEAKING OF A LETTER BEFORE IT WAS RECEIVED BY ADDRESSEE.

3. CURIOUSLY HE DID NOT MAKE THE POINT WHICH REFTEL FITTINGLY STRESSED, NAMELY THAT CGT BEING A MEMBER IN ITS OWN RIGHT OF THE IEC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL BE ATTENDING THE TRIPARTITE MEETING OF 18 NOV ON UNEMPLOYMENT. HENCE, ITS INTEREST IN THE PROJECTED 14 NOV PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THE APPARENT PARTICIPATION IN WRITING TO ETUC TO PROPOSE AN ADVANCE MEETING.

4. SEGUY DID NOT RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF POINTING TO 2 OCT ANTI-FRANCO ACTIONS DIRECTED BY ETUC AND WFTU AS A SIGN THAT TIMES ARE CHANGING AND SUCH SIMULTANEOUS ACTIVITIES BY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS OF DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES ARE BECOMING POSSIBLE.

5. SEGUY WAS CAREFUL NOT TO APPEAR OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ETUC'S REPLY TO HIS LETTER, BUT LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT CGT DETERMINATION TO PURSUE EVERY OPPORTUNITY OF CONTACT WITH ETUC AND EVENTUAL AFFILIATION WITH IT.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF 2 OCT EXERCISE. FURTHERMORE, REGARDLESS OF ETUC REPLY CGT HAS THE CAPACITY TO TRANSFORM 14 NOV INTO ANOTHER INSTANCE OF "DOING THINGS TOGETHER" TO BE USED ALSO FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.
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